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As an example; if I had built a car wash, and right next door a large oil company built a convenience store selling gas and a car wash in back, and then started giving away car washes, no one could stay in business with that type of competition. They could run anyone out of business. I think there is case law where companies have to charge for a service like this.

This is the same with Microsoft. By allowing them to add programs and give them away, where is the incentive to get into the software business. I think this is unfair, anticompetitive, anti-innovation, and more importantly, unlawful. Improve your product, fine, how about adding stability and security.

But to add a browser, why? Why didn't they add a personal accounting program, or give away a spreadsheet program. Because they were out to destroy another company, not improve their product.

The ruling is 7 to 0, and that has to have some weight to do something substantial.

Thanks for this forum,

Respectfully submitted,

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